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Chicago Tribune Balks At Retraction

Reform Rabbis Favor Bid To Seek Converts Among U.S. Non-Jews

(Other CCAR Convention Stories Inside)

National Jewish Post
CINCINNATI—The American Reform rabbinate cleared the way this week for a long-range effort to seek conversion of U. S. non-Jews to Judaism.

The 61st annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, at its closing session, approved a resolution to name a committee to "study practical means of extending the influence of Judaism to Jews and others."

A CCAR spokesman said that the term "and others" has been left deliberately vague but that it was the consensus of the delegates that the time had come to seek converts to Judaism from among non-Jews.

EASY ON GUIDE

The convention took a stand on the issue of a ritual guide for U.S. Reform Jews which was somewhat less strong than that asked by outgoing president Dr. Jacob R. Marcus of Cincinnati.

In his president's message, Rabbi Marcus asked the convention to name a committee to study a guide to be submitted to the next convention. The 61st convention, however, approved a resolution for a committee empowered only "to study every aspect of a code of practice."

The scope of the committee, as outlined by the resolution, included a study of the feasibility of a code "at this stage."

The convention also sidestepped some sharp criticism from its own members on the issue of control of Israeli Jews by the Orthodox rabbinate in Israel. Rabbi Charles Shulman of New York had warned the delegates that before the Reform movement makes "demands" on Israel, it should get rid of its own anti-Zionist elements first and extend "de jure" recognition to Israel. (Details inside).

STILL ASKING

But the convention simply adopted a resolution asking for "equality of status" for all varieties "of religious organization and leadership in Israel."

The resolution also recommend-



RABBI PHILIP BERNSTEIN
Show Them The Glory

ed that the CCAR and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the U.S. Reform congregational body, work jointly to establish Reform congregations in Israel.

The convention also approved a proposal by Rabbi Marcus for naming of a special committee on tenure for rabbis, aimed apparently at recent occasions of rabbi-baiting by temple boards, notably in Chicago this spring. The convention took no action on Rabbi Marcus' proposal for establishment of a magazine for the Reform rabbinical movement.

Rabbi Philip Bernstein of Rochester was elected president for a two-year term when Dr. Marcus declined re-nomination for the office. Since the term is for two years, Dr. Marcus had actually decided not to complete the second part of the term of office.

Brazil Jewish Girls Sad; Claim Over-Chaperoned

PRETORIA, South Africa—Two beautiful Jewish girls from Brazil are authority for the statement that Brazilian Jewesses are good housewives because chaperonage is so strict they seldom have dates.

"Since we hardly ever go out we spend most of our time learning to cook, sew and dust," said 19-year-old Cecelia Smaletz. She and her 21-year-old sister, Miriam, visited their uncle, J. Norwitz, in this South African town.

They told the South African Zionist RECORD that they were

envious of "the freedom enjoyed by South African Jewish girls."

In their native San Paulo, they said, unmarried Jewish women cannot visit any place of entertainment unless they are chaperoned.

"San Paulo is marvelous for a holiday," said Miriam, "but it is not so marvelous to live there. There are beautiful places to go but what is the use? We can't even go for a drive unless our parents come with us."

Both girls are accountants but Jewish girls do not work in Brazil, they reported.

Women Equal Pay Backed by Israel

LAKE SUCCESS—Israel has advised the United Nations secretariat that it is willing to sign an international agreement in support of the principle of equal pay for women.

Ten other nations have given the same assurance to the UN.

French Official Again Defends Freeing Nazi

PARIS—M. Rene Mayer, France's Jewish Minister of Justice, last week again defended his release of Xavier Vallat, who had been serving a ten-year sentence for his crimes against Jews when he was Vichy Commissioner for Jewish Affairs.

Mayer said that he had been visited by many delegations who have "come to explain to me what Vallat did, as if I was not aware of it—I who in 1941 refused to serve as his tool as chairman of the Union of Jews," according to the Jewish Chronicle of London.

He said he knew what his fellow Jews suffered but that he had no alternative.

He said French Jews must understand "that when a prisoner asks the Minister of Justice to apply the law, he has not the right, whatever his origins may be, to confound justice with vengeance."

Alabama Rabbi Named To Berlin Community

National Jewish Post
NEW YORK—Rabbi Nathan Levinson of Selma, Ala., has been named successor to Rabbi Steven S. Schwarzschild as Reform rabbi for the Berlin Jewish community, it was learned here this week.

Rabbi Schwarzschild, who ended two years of service last month, created a sensation in European Jewish circles when he said in his farewell sermon that he had sworn never to set foot in Germany again.

The public vow recalled his statement a year ago when, in denouncing Jewish critics of those German Jews who have decided to remain in Germany, he said a vigorous Jewish community was possible in Berlin.

McDonald Greeted Cantor In Israel

TEL AVIV—Eddie Cantor arrived in Israel Sunday for a three weeks stay and was greeted by a delegation which included U.S. Ambassador James G. McDonald, noted Christian Zionist.

With the famous comedian, who has announced he intends to devote most of his working and leisure time to the United Jewish Appeal in the future, were his wife, Ida; Mac Kriendler, New York restaurant owner; and Mr. and Mrs. Yoland Markson of Los Angeles.

Stall Tentative Settlement On Jewish Gov't Libel

(See Editorial This Issue)

National Jewish Post

CHICAGO—An agreement reached between the Chicago TRIBUNE and Jewish civic defense agencies on the daily's front page story of a secret Jewish Government in Washington was upset Tuesday when the newspaper balked at printing what amounted to a retraction and asked for a 24-hour delay.

The TRIBUNE had agreed to print two letters, one signed by news, and other slurs against the four major civic defense agencies, Jewish group. The TRIBUNE and a reply by the newspaper which would have been a retraction.

The two groups met Tuesday to decide on the final wording of the two letters and at that point the paper's spokesmen asked for a day's extension.

The four agencies involved were the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the Jewish Labor Committee.

QUICK ACTION

They went into action immediately following publication last month of a dispatch from the TRIBUNE'S Washington bureau, asserting that Sen. Herbert Lehman, Justice Felix Frankfurter and Henry Morgenthau, Jr., constituted a secret Government of the United States.

Walter Trohan, who wrote the "dispatch" embellished his account with innuendoes of links with the Soviet conspiracy, Alger Hiss, subversives in the U.S., Zionism and other items the TRIBUNE hates.

The Jewish agencies first cleared with the National Community Relations Advisory Council in New York, coordinating body for Jewish civic defense in the U.S., and were told to proceed on their own.

FIRST MEETING

They immediately asked the TRIBUNE for a hearing which was held last Wednesday. The meeting was attended by Richard E. Gutstadt and Bernard Nath of the ADL, Ely Aaron of the AJ-Committee, Rabbi Morton Berman of the Congress and Jacob Segal of the Jewish Labor Committee.

Two top officials of the TRIBUNE, led by J. Loy Maloney, managing editor, attended. They expressed amazement at the reaction from the Jewish group, and insisted they were innocent of any anti-Jewish motives.

Gutstadt read a prepared list of previous departures from fact in connection with reporting Jewish

WHY ONLY CHICAGO?

The New York and Washington papers linked with the TRIBUNE received the Trohan dispatch but did not print it, the TRIBUNE men were told.

They were also informed that unless a retraction was made, the Jewish group would issue a denunciation of the newspaper's tactics to the general press.

The TRIBUNE editors indicated they regarded the Trohan article as merely a typical attack on the New and Fair Deals and had no anti-Semitic implications.

HE'S A JEW

They said their chief editorial writer, Leon Stolz, was Jewish. They said he was a son of the late Rabbi Joseph Stoltz of Temple Isaiah Israel.

Following the Wednesday meeting a session was held last Friday, where the rough draft of the two letters was prepared. The two groups took the letters back for approval and the Tuesday meeting was to have given final approval to the letters.

Chicago Jewish leaders feel that Col. McCormick, who no longer spends much time at his office in the Tribune Tower, may have stepped into the negotiations. The TRIBUNE asked for a conference between a representative of the Jewish group and its lawyer for Wednesday morning before the 24-hour extension would have elapsed.

'Sword' To Be Shown In Australia Cities

SYDNEY, Australia—Australian authorities last week reversed a temporary ban and have agreed to permit showing of the American-made film, "Sword in the Desert."

The story of the Jewish fight against the British mandate was temporarily banned while authorities studied the riots created by British fascists on the first showing in London of the movie.

REPORT FILM ON JESUS' LIFE TO BE PRODUCED IN ISRAEL

COPENHAGEN—A film on the life of Jesus is being planned for production in Israel, it was reported last week.

The Copenhagen correspondent of the Jewish CHRONICLE of London reported that Carl Dreyer, Danish film producer, is planning the film.

Dreyer said that all parts in the film will be played by Jewish amateurs.

The story also asserted that the script will be written under the supervision of Prof. Solomon Zeitlin of Philadelphia, famous Biblical authority.



ZEITLIN

Research Proves Education Fails To End Hatred, CCAR Told

KAGAN URGES NEW TECHNIQUE OF CATHARSIS FOR CHRISTIANS

National Jewish Post
CINCINNATI—The informational techniques widely used in Jewish civic defense work aimed directly at professing Christians has no value in reducing anti-Semitism, according to a study reported this week by Rabbi Henry E. Kagan of Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Dr. Kagan reported his findings to the 61st annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Reform rabbinical body.

His findings struck a direct blow at the efforts of the Jewish Chautauqua organization and of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, as well as a vast spread of similar work by rabbis and other religious educators.

In spite of the widespread research in intergroup tensions, "there are no more than three

minor papers in the scientific literature on changing the attitude of Christian toward Jew," Rabbi Kagan told the convention.

NO CONNECTION

But for what the findings are worth, he declared, "there is this one consensus of the findings, namely, there is no correlation between objective knowledge of fact and tolerance. Information

does not reduce prejudice."

But the Mt. Vernon rabbi reported significant gains in reducing hatred of Jews by a technique which persuaded Christian subjects to speak out frankly and without inhibitions about their hostility toward Jews.

HE TRIED IT

Rabbi Kagan tested some of the theories of education as a technique of reducing group tensions when he tested 97 Connecticut Episcopalians and 380 West Virginian Methodists whom he taught the Old Testament.

Average age of the students was 17 "a critical period for the formation of anti-Jewish feelings as a compensation for adolescent frustrations." One third of the students in five separate groups were given two different teaching methods, with the other two-thirds serving as a control group.

"A scale of 16 items measuring attitude toward Jews was anonymously filled in before and after each course and again eight months later when the students returned to their separate communities," the rabbi reported.

The first tests showed 27 per cent anti-Jewish, 26 per cent pro-Jewish and 47 per cent neutral.

WHAT IT SHOWS

"The findings reveal that the method most popular used does increase awareness of Jewish contributions to Christianity but it does NOT decrease anti-Jewish prejudice," Rabbi Kagan reported. "If it is any consolation, it may

be noted that teaching common ideals and Jewish contributions to Christianity does not increase prejudice."

One of the points of departure used by Rabbi Kagan was a recognition that current education efforts directed at Christian never confront the Christian "directly with contemporary anti-Jewish prejudice whether it be another's or his own."

Citing the work of psychologists in the field, Rabbi Kagan noted that "lectures on the rights or virtues of minority groups accomplishes very little, Gordon Allport has shown. Because of the hostility of the listener nothing new can come into his mind until something old comes out. Provision must therefore be made for even a modest amount of free expression of hostility."

Rabbi Kagan warned that "this catharsis must be guided or it may merely reinforce self-justifications" for hatred of Jews.

IT HAS WORKED

"But the cathartic discussion technique used in groups has served to shock listeners out of complacency or to exhaust pent-up hostility until they are receptive to new facts. Only then does the reconstruction of attitudes begin."

Rabbi Kagan suggested as a basic rule that "the individual must become actively involved in the inter-group problem and he will accept new values if he con-

Classes For Rebbetzim Urged At CCAR Meet

CINCINNATI—(NJP)—Courses for wives of rabbis so they may aid their husbands in their work was proposed this week by Rabbi Lewis Satlow of Springfield, Ill.

Rabbi Satlow, attending the 61st annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, said that a rabbi's wife could be of tremendous help to the rabbi and suggested some way be found to give them courses in methods of helping.

siders them to be accepted by his own group."

Rabbi Kagan applied the "direct cathartic approach" to three classes in his experiment.

TALK IT OUT

"The same Biblical material and information regarding common ideals and Jewish contributions were used as a springboard for a direct group discussion of contemporary anti-Jewish attitudes," he said. "The students were encouraged to express their feelings about Jews and their personal experiences with Jews and examine them in the light of their religious values."

Rabbi Kagan came to this conclusion:

"When the group evaluated its own expressed hostility, achieved insight into its stereotype thinking and made its own decisions about the validity of its prejudices, the prejudice of the individual members was significantly reduced."

Not only was prejudice reduced but the drop in hatred persisted, Rabbi Kagan said, reporting that "the reduction in prejudice was maintained eight months later."

IT DOESN'T FADE

"Furthermore, those individuals whose attitudes had been changed carried over their new values into actual behavior as they reported anonymously eight months later on their independent discussions about the defense of Jews," he reported.

Rabbi Kagan recommended that "interfaith educational programs should adopt tested methods which do effectively reduce prejudice."

"Rabbis who are frequently called upon to participate in these programs should therefore become acquainted with the new techniques in group dynamics which offer a clearer diagnosis and a more effective therapy in improving Christian-Jewish relations," he concluded.

EDUCATION GROWS

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Reform Rabbis Spurn Arguments For Support Of All-Day Schools

Reform Rabbis Reject Plea For Sect Merger

National Jewish Post
CINCINNATI—A discussion following presentation of arguments for and against Jewish all-day schools at a session of the Central Conference of American Rabbis conference here left little indication this week that the U. S. Reform rabbinate was likely to change its historic attitude of opposition to such schools.

Dr. Emanuel Gamoran of Cincinnati, educational director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Reform congregational body, presented a report urging Reform endorsement of the rapidly-growing U. S. day school movement.

Dr. Victor E. Reichert, rabbi of the Rockdale Avenue Temple of Cincinnati, argued against the program.



While no formal stand was expected from the 61st CCAR convention on the issue, it was evident from reactions of delegates at the session that Dr. Gamoran's plea won virtually no favorable response.

Rabbi Reichert contended that such schools endangered the public school system so necessary to democracy and that the movement grew out of despair of democratic processes and freedom.

Noting that the movement's impetus "derives from fear of the total assimilation of Judaism in America," Rabbi Reichert contended that "we cannot have our pie and eat it too. Liberal Judaism gladly accepts the invitation and the challenge of American democracy. We do not conceive of our heritage as a hot-house that needs to be rigorously protected from the wholesome give and take of free association and the adventure in shared living provided by our great American system of free public schools."

OUT OF DESPAIR
He said that to him the all-day school was "a phenomenon that must be interpreted in the context of the eclipse of humanistic liberalism and withdrawal into the shell of separatism. The all-day school seeks survival by voluntary withdrawal and segregation from the American public school—the best workshop we have to forge the tools for a more ideal America."

Dr. Gamoran said any decision should be based on an objective consideration of the facts "rather than on any emotional reactions

on the part of Jews whose Judaism is so attenuated that they often consider intensive Jewish manifestations to be anti-American."

He said many Reform rabbis send their children to Jewish all-day schools and he traced the growth of the schools from four in 1918 to 16 in 1935 and 123 in 1949. He cited figures to show that a total of 18,440 or about eight per cent of the Jewish children are now enrolled in all-day schools.

SEGREGATION SILLY
Since only about 12 per cent of all American children attend private or religious day schools, such schools do not threaten to undermine public schools through segregation, he contended.

"Surely an argument might be made against the private school in America on the ground of segregation, but the last ones to make the argument ought to be those who belong to the upper social economic groups" who send their children to fashionable private schools, the educator said.

"The public school cannot teach religion if we are not to violate the principle of the separation of church and state," he continued. "But the day school can and does teach Americanism and the essentials of a democratic philosophy. Surely there is no reason why day schools in America should be represented only by the non-Liberal elements on the American Jewish scene."

RABBIS HIT IDEA
Following delivery of the papers, delegates offered a series of comments which amounted to a severe beating for the day school movement.

Rabbi Philip Bookstaber of Harrisburg, Pa., said the Reform movement should go on record in opposition to such schools. He said the backers of such schools were a national movement, and that it behooved U. S. reform as a movement to answer the all-day schools.

He said he did not think all-day

schools were un-American but that he did feel they were not American-minded, but European-minded. He cited the history of the fight by Jews in Europe for the right to attend public schools.

TROUBLE FOR JEWS
He was supported by Rabbi William F. Rosenblum of New York who said that a switch in the Reform position to support of all-day schools would speed its growth. He posed the question of what would happen to the public school system if the day-school movement flourished.

He said he felt that Jews might be charged with undermining the public school system and that such a charge might lay the foundation for depriving U. S. Jews of other rights.

Rabbi Leon Fram of Detroit and Rabbi Samuel Thurman of St. Louis expressed similar views. Rabbi Hersch Levin of Lawrence, Mass., said that 50 per cent of children in the Boston area attended all-day schools. He said that situation had made the public school system so weak that it was in a chaotic condition.

Rabbi William Braude of Providence, one of the rabbis who send his child to an all-day school, said he did not because he despaired of anything but because he loved the Torah and wanted to see his child get a thorough grounding for Jewish living.

BIRTHDAY FOR CITY
NAHARIYA—This Mediterranean resort town observed its 15th anniversary this week. Part of the celebration was the opening of new rail service southward to Haifa.

National Jewish Post
CINCINNATI—A proposal by a Denver rabbi that the Reform movement open talks with Conservatism aimed at a possible merger in the near future drew heavy criticism at a session here last week of the 61st annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Rabbi Herbert Friedman of Denver made the proposal, citing the views of Rabbi James G. Heller of Cincinnati and Rabbi Morris Lieberman of Baltimore, on the possibilities of such a merger.

VIEW CHALLENGED
Rabbi Friedman's views were vigorously challenged by Rabbi Joseph Weiss of Neponsit, L.I., and Rabbi William F. Rosenblum of New York.

"Conservative Judaism is at the crossroads," said Rabbi Weiss, adding that some day Conservative Judaism would become Reform as would Orthodox Judaism, eventually.

Rabbi Rosenblum sharply condemned those who have argued that Reform "no longer has any place in Jewish life and is a withered branch of Judaism." He said the impact of Reform on the other wings of U.S. Judaism has been so great that both Conservative and Orthodox Judaism were in the process of re-examining themselves.

IT IS POSSIBLE
Rabbi Friedman said that he firmly believed in the possibilities of building an American Judaism, "the kind of Judaism

whose achievements and satisfactions will be strong enough to keep future generations cemented by the centrifugal force of inner compulsion to remain Jewish."

But he said, that could be done "only by building a united Judaism, not one plagued by division into sects."

"In an organizational sense, the creation of this kind of Liberal Judaism, warm with observance, has been urged as a merger between the Reform and Conservative wings. Nothing in the suggestions to date, incidentally, would exclude a willing Orthodoxy."

He urged Reform to "show the way for any such combinations or mergers as may provide the native American-born Jew the kind of Judaism he wants and will at the same time inspire him to participate in the creation of a great and noble Jewish epoch in America."

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National Jewish Post

CINCINNATI—A major segment of the elementary department of the two seminaries of the U. S. Reform movement should be moved to Jerusalem, delegates to the 61st annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis were told here last week.

The proposal was made by Rabbi Norman Gersteinfield of Washington Hebrew Congregation, in a symposium on "Taking Stock of Our Seminaries."

"Our school there should perhaps be in the form of a great Bible Academy to teach the scien-

tific scholarship of the Bible, as well as courses in Hebrew, Biblical and Middle East history, archaeology and Biblical Commentaries," he said.

The Washington rabbi said such a school would "greatly influence the Israeli community," and raise the prestige of Reform Judaism in Israel.

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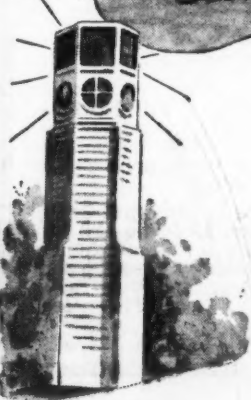
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CCAR Rejects Vote On Mercy Killing

National Jewish Post

CINCINNATI—A report reaffirming the traditional Jewish opposition to euthanasia (mercy killing) was referred back to a committee by the Central Conference of American Rabbis in convention here this week.

Dr. Israel Bettan, who prepared the report for a special committee named by the 1948 convention



WISE

Dr. Bettan is a member of the faculty of Hebrew Union College, Reform seminary.

The motion to refer the report back to "a committee" was made by Rabbi Jonah B. Wise of New York. Rabbi James G. Heller of Cincinnati supported the motion and said the convention should not make a decision now on an issue on which there was so great division of opinion.

SOUTH HAVEN, MICH.

CCAR Warned Christian Zealots Seek Breach Church-State Rule

National Jewish Post

CINCINNATI—Efforts to obtain public funds to pay bus fares of children attending parochial schools were condemned this week as an infringement of the principle of separation of church and state at the 61st annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

The practice was one of several opposed in a report of the CCAR Committee on Church and State, which was adopted with some amendments and delations.

CHRISTIAN PLOT SEEN

The report of the committee, headed by Rabbi Joseph Fink of Buffalo, expressed grave concern over the "long range plans of some of our religious bodies" to violate the principle, and put the Reform rabbinate on record as strongly opposed to many current practices both in schools and government.

The report also condemned the practice of obtaining municipal proclamations calling on business firms to close their doors on Good Friday; the use of public buildings to display illuminated crosses during Holy Week; and similar practices.

The report noted with approval the decision of several boards of education throughout the U.S. rejecting offers of the Gideon So-

ciety to provide copies of the Bible for public school children.

HAIL COURT RULING

The decision of the Illinois Supreme Court invalidating a law which would employ clergymen as official consultants and conciliators in divorce cases was praised by the report, as was the trend away from release time plans for religious education of school children in favor of dismissed time plans.

The attack on use of public funds for parochial school needs was aimed at all parochial schools, Christian or Jewish.

A recommendation opposing the Hill-Burton Law, providing \$150,000,000 for public and non-profit hospitals was withdrawn after it was pointed out that Jewish hospitals would be penalized and that hospitals sponsored by religious groups are open to all people.

MUST BE ALERT

The report repeatedly emphasized the need for close watch over attempts to infringe on the separation of church and state and urged the Reform rabbinate "to be on the alert to the actual and potential dangers to our American heritage in fabrications... by our over-zealous Christian brethren."

The convention approved a recommendation for publication periodically of a report on current developments in the field of church and state.

CCAR Warned Go Slow On Any Ritual Guide

National Jewish Post

CINCINNATI—A warning to U. S. Reform to apply caution to efforts to develop a ritual guide was sounded here this week at the 61st annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof of Pittsburgh said that current experiments in ceremonialism "if we do not prematurely codify them under the borrowed plumage of historic names, may well beautify and re-inspire our religious life."

He said Reform Judaism could not believe in the divine sanction, as do the Orthodox for the commandments and ritualism, "of our ceremonies or of any ceremonies."

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CCAR Warned To Stop Making Reform Demands On Israel

'Reform Urged To Erase Own Anti-Zionism First'

National Jewish Post
CINCINNATI—Leaders in the U. S. Reform rabbinate who have been waging an intermittent campaign against the control of religion in Israel by the Orthodox rabbinate ran into some sharp rebukes at the 61st annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis here this week.

Rabbi Charles E. Shulman of New York, participating in a symposium on "The American Jew and Israel," asked for patience and understanding by the U.S. Reform rabbis concerning the religious problems in Israel Jews.

He also warned the Reform movement that if it expects to exert any influence in Israel, it must stop making demands and begin to divest itself of the elements of hate and fear of Israel represented by the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism.



FELDMAN

Taking part with Rabbi Shulman were Dr. Samuel Blumenfeld of Chicago, and Rabbi Abraham Feldman of Hartford, Conn., who was chairman of the symposium, and a leading spokesman for Reform critics of Israel Orthodoxy.

In his presidential address before the 1949 CCAR convention, Dr. Feldman denounced the Israel Orthodox rabbinate, charging "clerical suppression" and demanding recognition of the handful of "Reform" congregations in Israel.

SUPPORT FROM FLOOR

Rabbi Shulman obtained strong support from the floor, after reading his paper, when Rabbi Ezra Spiceland of the Hebrew University spoke in support of Rabbi Shulman's position. Rabbi Spiceland was in Israel when Dr. Feldman delivered his presidential address.

Both Rabbi Shulman and Rabbi Spiceland contended that U.S. Reform had not earned the right to criticize. Rabbi Spiceland used the term "idiotic" to describe Dr. Feldman's charges and described the indignation of the Israel press in response to the

criticism from U. S. Reform.

Rabbi Spiceland also took exception to Dr. Blumenfeld's charge that slang was corrupting Hebrew in Israel. He said that it was necessary to develop a slang in Hebrew, that all languages had a slang element and that the criticism was unwarranted.

Rabbi Shulman agreed that some conditions developing from the control of the Orthodox rabbinate over the personal status of Israeli Jews needed correction.

"But to demand changes and corrections from America, from London or from any other quarter outside of Israel is to be lacking in realism," the New York rabbi said.

He reminded the convention that early Reform had been bitterly hostile to Zionism and that "there are no Reform Jewish settlers in Israel on the order of the Hapoel Hamizrachi (religious labor Zionist) settlers. There are no Reform congregations in Israel akin to those we have here in America. The three congregations there are much closer to Orthodox in ritual, in prayer book and other elements."

He also noted that the Columbus platform of the U.S. Reform movement, which still stands, advocates neutrality on Zionism and the Jewish State, adding that "the effect of this attitude has never been lost on the people of Israel."

"Added to these handicaps is the further fact that the Council for Judaism was born in the ranks of the American Reform rabbinate and the rabbis associated with this movement are exclusively Reform rabbis."

"It must astonish the people of Israel to learn of Reform Judaism's concern about religion in a state which Reform Judaism has never completely supported," he commented.

He said American Reform Judaism "must go beyond de facto recognition of Israel and give the new state de jure recognition" and that it "must no longer temporize with the elements in its ranks whose fear-ridden hysteria projects such questions as multiple loyalties and anti-Semitism as valid deterrents to efforts toward building a healthy Jewish community elsewhere in the world."

He also suggested that Reform Judaism had an "unparalleled opportunity" to introduce a more liberal Judaism which might attract the majority of Israeli Jews who cannot accept Orthodoxy, which "has left untouched the vast numbers of the country's population."

Best Jewish Students Held Lost To Judaism

National Jewish Post
CINCINNATI—Some of "our choicest spirits and dedicated souls" among Jewish youth on the campus are lost to Judaism because of indifference for which the rabbinate is at least partly responsible, the 61st annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis was told last week.

Rabbi Harry Kaplan, director of the Hillel Foundation at Ohio State University, made the assertion in giving the conference lecture of the first session.

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Silver Assails 'Commentary' As Product Of 'Rootless Jews'

National Jewish Post
CINCINNATI—"Commentary" magazine, class publication sponsored by the American Jewish Committee, was denounced here this week by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver as "the mouthpiece for spiritually sick and equivocal Jews."

The famous Zionist leader used some of his sharpest oratorical stabs in reviving rabbinical opposition to the publication. The magazine ran into a heavy barrage of criticism from eastern rabbis early this year.

He said the magazine was produced by the "intellectually uprooted" who want to be recognized as the intellectual leaders of American Jewry.

Asserting that magazine's editorial leadership came from persons with "nebulous, intermittent and nostalgic identification" with Judaism, Rabbi Silver said that "occasional and peripheral spokesmen" should not represent American Jewry.

CCAR Rejects Plan For Change In Flag

National Jewish Post
CINCINNATI—The Central Conference of American Rabbis followed the lead of the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America this week in rejecting a proposal that the U.S. Chaplain's flag be substituted for the Zionist banner.

The proposal was formally offered last month to the rabbinical

organizations of the three wings of U.S. Judaism by the division of religious activities of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

The executive committee of the CCAR reported the decision to the 61st annual convention. There was no comment either from the floor or from the chair on the decision.

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Two-Thirds of Nashville's Jews Know Yiddish, Local Survey Shows

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Nearly two-thirds of Nashville's Jews speak or understand Yiddish.

Of the Jewish community's 811 families, the vast majority are members of Nashville's three synagogues—Orthodox, Conservative and Reform.

No less than 77 per cent of Jewish children under 14 years of age were not attending week-day Jewish classes. More girls attend Sunday school than do boys.

These and other glimpses into the anatomy of the Nashville Jewish community were disclosed by a community research study. The survey was conducted by the Nashville Jewish Community Council under the direction of Mrs. Manuel M. Eskind, chairman of the survey committee.

Expert professional help was provided by the de-

partment of sociology at Vanderbilt University and by the National Jewish Welfare Board. The findings were obtained by a house-to-house canvass by 100 members of the local section of the National Council of Jewish Women.

The findings were published as "Study of the Jewish Population, Nashville, 1949," and details were reported in the Nashville OBSERVER, the local Anglo-Jewish weekly.

Other facts knocked down the "commonly accepted" figure of 3,000 as the population of the Nashville Jewish community and found a precise figure of 2,678.

The decline in the size of the American Jewish family was graphically illustrated. Only one family had six children, a common family size in the immi-

grant Jewish generation. More than 64 per cent of the families consisted of two or three persons.

No less than 529 of the 811 families own their own homes. A total of 529 men and women were listed as "proprietors, managers and officials and 85 per cent of the employed follow "white collar" occupations.

About 60 heads of families were not affiliated with any of the three congregations. A total of 624 were listed in the Vine Street Temple; 471 in West End Synagogue; 313 in Sherith Israel, which gives membership privileges to wives and unmarried children under 21.

One hundred and seventy-three Nashville Jews belong to fraternal organizations, such as the Masons, Shrines, Elks. Of the 2,678 listed Jews, no less than 2,229 belong to some organization.

Placement Plan May Not Get OK From Movement, Gittelsohn Fears

(See Editorial This Issue)

National Jewish Post
CINCINNATI—Fear that a proposed new placement plan for Reform rabbis would not win acceptance from the Reform movement was expressed here this week by Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn, chairman of the Joint Placement Commission of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The CCAR, meeting here in its 61st annual convention, represents the U. S. Reform rabbinate and the UAHC is the congregational body.

The delegates heard President Jacob Marcus of the CCAR describe the present chaos with the comment that in the placing of Reform rabbis, there were two official bodies "and 590 others," a reference of the 590 rabbis in the movement.

TEMPORARY OK

The CCAR meanwhile voted to go along with an arrangement which would put into effect immediately a temporary plan. Under that plan, the presidents of the three Reform organizations—the CCAR, the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and the UAHC—would form a provisional placement commission to operate until the permanent plan could be decided on.

The temporary plan has been approved by the HUC-JIR board of governors and awaits only action by the UAHC, scheduled to meet in convention next November, to be implemented. Under the program, all three bodies and their memberships agree not to make any recommendations to fill open pulpits for the duration of the plan.

SOME OPPOSITION

Reporting his concern about the eventual fate of the permanent plan, Rabbi Gittelsohn told the delegates that there was a "climate of opposition" to the plan evident at the regional meeting of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues last Saturday night.

He said that the opposition was based on a fear that the congregations would jeopardize their



RABBI GITTELSON
Right to be Nervous?

autonomy under the plan.

The opposition is directed against the sanctions which the permanent plan would apply against congregation and rabbis who ignored the ruling of the placement committee, he said, but emphasized that a placement plan without sanctions was "not worth the paper it was written on."

NO REVISIONS NOW

Some proposals for revision of the plan were reported to the CCAR, which decided not to go into details until the other two bodies had the chance to determine whether they wanted changes.

After the plan is considered by the UAHC at its November convention, it will then, if the convention votes approval, submit it to its member congregations.

Rabbi Gittelsohn reported that a test submission of the plan to 99 Reform congregations resulted in 62 replies, though no response had been requested. Of the 62 replying, 51 approved and 11 disapproved.

Rabbi Gittelsohn's commission announced some proposed revisions, including the right to appeal to an appellate body at

times. Another provision called for a three-year period during which the plan would be operating but each Reform body would have the right to withdraw at the end of the three-year period on six months notice.

POLICE POWERS

Under the sanctions provisions, the placement body would have authority to expel from membership in the constituent body either the rabbi or the congregation violating the plan.

Rabbi Gittelsohn said that congregations were unable to understand the urgency of adopting the plan because they are now able to get the rabbi of their choice and beyond this, they see no problem.

Christianity Prof. Urged At HUC

National Jewish Post
CINCINNATI—A professor of Christianity should be named to the faculties of the seminaries of the U. S. Reform rabbinate, a Los Angeles rabbi asserted last week.

Rabbi Albert M. Lewis made the proposal at a session of the 61st annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis here.

He said the training at the Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion was deficient in four respects: it did not help make the rabbi a student of Judaism, a good school administrator, an able congregation administrator, or a competent mediator with the Christian neighbor.

In defense of his proposal, Rabbi Lewis said that "the rabbi of today is face to face with the problem of not only interpreting Judaism to the Christian but Christianity to the Jew."

New Hebrew Study Out Next Week

NEW YORK—(NJP)—"Modern Hebrew Literature, Trends and Values," by Prof. Simon Halkin, the first book of its kind in the English language, will be published June 19 by Schocken Books.

The book offers an evaluation of the chief literary works in Hebrew from the time of the European Haskalah to the present day in Israel.

Egypt has purchased \$61,200,000 worth of gold from the United States recently, the Cairo Arabic Radio reported this week.

I Think As I Please

JEWISH BIDS TO GENTILE SPEAKERS ARE A TIP-OFF TO KNEE-BENDING

By CARL ALPERT

A PUBLICITY release from the Rabbinical Assembly of America and the Jewish Theological Seminary contains details on the convention of the conservative rabbis, commencement exercises, award of honorary degrees and other significant events which take place this coming week-end. Noting that the celebration marks "the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Rabbinical Assembly," the release proudly proclaims—in this connection—that an address will be delivered by Walter Reuther, president of the CIO United Auto Workers. Inasmuch as Mr. Reuther is the only speaker mentioned on the first page of the release, it is to be presumed that his is the "featured" address.

ALPERT

Why do they do these things? None of us, not even our rabbis, are immune apparently from the desire to hear prominent non-Jews say nice things about us. The conservative rabbis are not the only offenders; the Yeshiva did the same not long ago. The Zionist Organization of America, at its coming convention, will hear Vice President Barkley.

ALL KINDS of alibis and excuses can be given for this practice, which has become one of the cancerous evils of the American Jewish community, but no excuse can hide the fact that it indicates a kind of servility, perhaps unconscious, and a desire to win approval and approbation from the master majority among whom we dwell.

The American Council for Judaism is a particularly flagrant offender; the Council thrives on addresses from Gentiles who point out how un-American the Zionists are, and how much better Americans, by way of contrast, the Council members are.

Apparently we have reached the stage where no convention can be held without a minister or congressman, no synagogue dedicated without a mayor or governor. In our fund-raising we have even turned to the non-Jews to exhort us, at meetings and in the public press, to give more liberally to Jewish causes.

THE PRACTICE of certain Jewish institutions of higher learning in awarding honorary degrees to outstanding non-Jews, whose achievements in politics or Wall Street have nothing to do with the Jewish doctorates conferred

upon them, are additional examples of undignified and demeaning action by Jewish leaders who should know better.

Peculiarly enough, the addresses of these guests rarely contribute anything new, enlightening or stimulating. The congressman who speaks to a Zionist group usually spends half his time telling the audience what remarkable progress is being made in Israel, and the remainder of the time telling of his support. The minister quotes Bible, and looks at the rabbi for confirmation of the accuracy of his quotation. The latter, aware of his role as "expert," ostentatiously nods his head in affirmation. The labor leader, we presume, will tell the convention of rabbis that modern social justice is based on the Hebrew prophets and the He-

brew Bible. His erudition will be roundly applauded.

ONE OR TWO national groups have had the courage to emancipate themselves from the Gentile fetish, but the picture is still a dismal one. It is all very well to talk of Jewish dignity, courage, self-respect and self-reliance, as manifested by our brethren in Israel—but we betray little of these qualities ourselves in America.

Rabbi Will Survey Judaism In 11 Nations

NEW YORK—Rabbi Harold H. Gordon, general secretary of the New York Board of Rabbis, will sail this week on a nine-week survey of the status of Judaism in 15 countries.

He will visit Paris, Dublin, London, Oslo, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Berlin, Amsterdam, Brussels, Zurich, Rome, Jerusalem, Athens, Madrid and Lisbon. After his return in September he will report to the board, which represents 450 Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis.



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Report From Hollywood

DE MILLE HOPES TO FILM STORIES OF QUEEN ESTHER, RUTH AND JOSEPH

By SIMON WINCEMBERG

A RECENT Friday afternoon was when the Beverly Hills chapter of Hadassah presented Cecil B. DeMille, "Renowned Director and Producer of Biblical Masterpieces," with an award for his "outstanding presentation of the motion picture of Samson and Delilah."

The award, a framed Jewish National Fund tree certificate, had to be procured in something of a rush and, though the artist's ink was already dry on it, there had been no time to correct a little slip of the hand, which made one of the words on the inscription read "Sansom."

The affair was held in the garden of a private home, and I was extremely fortunate in having an unofficial representative on the spot in the person of Judy Lash, a somber-eyed, throaty-voiced young amateur actress, who is to appear shortly in the Winceberg, starring role of "Pulling the Curtain," a little-known farce, at the West Hollywood Playground. She is currently employed in a secretarial capacity with the American Zionist Council of Los Angeles.

According to Judy's report, De Mille wore a plain brown suit, spoke of religion's debt to the Jews, and related that "his aim in making religious motion pictures is to create in men an awakening and a desire for religion. From the millions of letters he has received in response to his previous movies, he has proof that he is achieving his aim."

"He hopes to live long enough to film the stories of Queen Esther, Ruth and Joseph."

"De Mille's interest in making religious movies goes back to his childhood days, when his father, an Episcopalian minister, who gave up the pulpit for writing, so that he could reach a larger audience, read to him each evening a chapter in the Old Testament and a chapter in the New Testament."

(I am aware that this report clashes with the information at the disposal of English critic John Grierson, whom I quoted in the Nov. 25 column as rather admiringly labelling De Mille Jewish. In the event of a tremendous public demand for clarification on this vital issue, I will have the boys look into it.)

CO-FEATURED ON THE PROGRAM was Mrs. Margot Klausner-Brandstetter, executive secretary of Israel Motion Pictures Studios, Ltd., who read excerpts from her play, "Joseph in Egypt," on which I am able to give a first-hand report, since I attended a previous reading of the play in the original German.

Mrs. Brandstetter freely acknowledges the impression made upon her by Thomas Mann's version of the Joseph story, and though indeed there is a Germano-Egyptian favor to her play, it is well able to stand on its own feet as an original and profound interpretation, full of beautiful lyrical and sensuous passages.

Particularly beguiling is her portrayal of Potiphar's wife as racked by passion, "helpless and despairing," whose attempted seduction of Joseph, in a sensitive and powerful scene, nearly succeeds.

The subsequent denunciation of Joseph is well motivated and Joseph's trial, according to what may have been ancient Egyptian standards, is a dramatic and eminently fair one.

Among the many strong and well-rounded characters in the play is Osnat, the wife of Joseph, who is presented as an assimilationist influence, though that is by no means to be taken as an indication that Mrs. B has strained for modern parallels.

"**JOSEPH IN EGYPT**" is a sharp and vigorous period piece and one wonders what sort of modesty on the part of Mrs. Brandstetter, who used to be one of the executives of Habimah, has until now delayed its production.

Regarding De Mille's future film plans, at least one local writer is full of concern. He feels that while in the Samson film it was simple enough to call the H—s "Danites," what sort of euphemism is De Mille going to use for the Jews of Shushan?

A RATHER discerning young lady went, in the company of two young Orthodox rabbis, to Temple Israel of Hollywood (Reform) recently, to hear Edward G. Robinson and Vincent Price read a script about the late Dr. Stephen Wise. She was considerably less impressed by the memorial aspects of the evening—which to her was pretty much the way you'd expect a memorial evening to be—than by the undisguised envy and fascination with which the two young Orthodox rabbis tried to estimate the Temple's Seating capacity.

DEGREE FOR MRS. ENGEL

NORTHAMPTON, Mass.—(WNS)—Mrs. Irving M. Engel, president of the National Council of Jewish Women, was awarded the honorary Master of Arts degree here for achievements in Jewish life. This is the first time this degree has been conferred by Smith College on Jewish grounds.

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Weilerstein Mrosovitz

Judith Weilerstein, 246 S. Connecticut Ave., Atlantic City, writes:

I would appreciate it very much if you would give the meaning and origin of the name Weilerstein. My grandparents bearing this name came from Poniewiez, Lithuania.

WEILERSTEIN is a garbled version of the celebrated Jewish Wallerstein, a name derived from the little town of Wallerstein in Germany. The name is associated with the family of the great Yom Tob Heller - Wallerstein who died as Chief Rabbi of Cracow, Poland in 1654. The family name is both Heller and Wallerstein. They have a holiday of their own which is celebrated annually on the fifth day of Tammuz, to commemorate Yom Tom's escape from a conviction on a trumped-up charge by the German Emperor Ferdinand II.

Mrs. Sadie Mrosovitz Weil, POB 782, Alexandria, La., writes:

I would like to know the meaning and origin of my first husband's name, Benjamin Dave Mrosovitz.

Mrosovitz is an adaptation of the name Ambrose and was originally Ambrosiovitz or "son of Ambrose." It is not a typical Jewish name and was probably adopted by a Russified Jewish family. Curiously enough, the present dictator of Yugoslavia bears the same name. His party title is Tito but his real name is Broz, another derivative of Ambrose. The meaning of Ambrose is "heavenly."

What about YOU? Do you know what your name means? You can find out by writing Mr. Pearlroth, care of The Post. Be sure to include something of your family background in your request.

Two one-story buildings which will house Government offices in Elath, southernmost tip of Israel, were opened last week.

Women's Viewpoint

MONOGAMY VERSUS POLYGAMY—NOTES ON A CENSORED COLUMN

By HELEN COHEN

A YEAR or so ago I read in the "Ladies Home Journal" of a survey which found that in 25 per cent of all marriages (40 per cent of those that were unhappy) the wife's response was less than adequate as far as her husband's sex needs were concerned.



After cogitating over this information a bit, I came up with the thought that perhaps there was something to be said for polygamy after all, and I turned in a sassy piece to the managing editor on the respective merits of the two systems.

Consider—I recall writing—how convenient a co-wife would be as a baby-sitter, or to share household chores, or even as a companion and conversational foil of a lonely evening, when friend husband is out hitting all the board meetings. (Not very sassy, but a more serious, obvious advantage in the two-wife system would be the availability of the extra woman to take over household duties and care of children in time of illness, childbirth or death).

On the debit side, however, one had to contemplate how a wife, who sees red when her one-and-only eyes the pretty blonde at the next table, will relish sharing him equally with another female. Then too if a poor male has difficulties with one set of in-laws, ponder his predicament with two pairs. And such well-established institutions as the honeymoon and double beds, based on the system of monogamy, would have to fall by the wayside.

Finally, as I tabulated it, if a father has to guard against showing favorites among his several children by one mother, then his problem would be intensified by multiplying mothers. You observed the hardships that befell Jacob's favorite at the hands of his jealous half-brothers.

If you never saw that effort of mine, it was because the managing editor took one look and hastened to inform me that the subject was not open for discussion.

MY REJECTED BRAIN-CHILD was brought to mind when I read in the May "Jewish Spectator" a piece on "Jewish Women in a Man's World," by Dr. Trude Weiss-Rosmarin. Discussing Judaism's traditional attitude toward multiple wives, Dr. Rosmarin—while insisting that she was not advocating a renewal of the system—said she could understand why Judaism tolerated though not recommended polygamy "because of its keen sense of reality and understanding of human nature," even though it has "always regarded monogamy as the ideal form of marriage." (In connection with this stand she spoke of the "sobering revelations of the Kinsey Report and the readily observable facts of American life.")

Dr. Rosmarin also reminded us of the fact, which I had included in my original essay, that while Western Jews (the Ashkenazim) have proscribed polygamy since it was prohibited in the 10th century by Rabbenu Gershom, Eastern Jewry (the Sephardim) haven't gotten around to making any formal commitments on the matter yet.

Well, well, so the subject isn't open to discussion.

THE usual attitude of visitors who go acalling when there's a new baby (never admitted of course in so many words) was admirably expressed by our young daughter's four year old playmate, Ronnie.

Having gotten his first peek at our newest addition, he conversed with me as I ushered him out. "Well," our youthful visitor enunciated, "I've seen the baby. Now I'm satisfied."

Two British Jews Elevated To Peerage

LONDON—(WNS)—In the list of seven Britons elevated to the peerage on the occasion of the King's official birthday, are two Jews. The two new Jewish Barons who will sit in the House of Lords are Lewis Silkin, former Labor Minister of Town and Country Planning and Col. Harry Morris an ardent Zionist, who was, until recently, a Labor M.P. Several other Jews were listed for lesser honors.

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Chicago Jewry and Col. McCormick

THE Chicago Jewish community and its leadership is to be commended for the unity and resoluteness which it has shown in the case of the Chicago TRIBUNE and its front page article charging some sort of secret Jewish super-Government in Washington.

The combined agencies of the community in the field of Jewish civil defense and the top leadership of the Jewish community joined to express to the two top editors of the TRIBUNE their resentment in no uncertain terms.

When the TRIBUNE officials sought to argue that the issue was not anti-Semitism but anti-New or Fair Deal, they were shown specifically by quotations from the article that it was nothing but a cheap anti-Jewish attack of the worst kind. To clinch the case, Richard Gutstadt, former national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, read chapter and verse of a prepared list of other articles showing previous lapses of Col. McCormick's paper into anti-Semitism.

What the TRIBUNE will do remains to be seen. But whatever it does, it will do only

when it is confronted squarely.

In the case of the Jewish group, or any other group in the community which the TRIBUNE attacks, there are means of defense. A newspaper will succeed only where it gains the support of the community as a whole. When it alienates that support through untruthfulness, then it must expect to suffer the consequences.

It is not alone the Jewish community which is concerned in this case, though it was the specific victim. The entire Chicago community by now well knows that the Colonel's venom has too often been directed against cherished beliefs of democratic government on many past occasions. When the Colonel's wishes are ignored, there are absolutely no limits to the expression of his anger. Truth stands little chance when it gets in the way of his ire.

Like all bullies he must be confronted. This the Chicago Jewish community is doing. The POST is glad to see McCormick being challenged.

Must Yield Some Freedom

THE discouragement of Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn over the prospects for adoption of the plan of his Joint Placement Commission may be dictated by the wise leader's tendency to overestimate, rather than underestimate, his opposition. But it certainly would be tragic if the plan proposed for placement of U. S. Reform rabbis were to lose out.

Rabbi Gittelsohn and Rabbi James G. Heller—who proposed the first placement plan when he was chairman of a similar committee in 1945—emphasized the need for educating the lay leadership of Reform on the urgency of adoption of some orderly plan for placing Reform rabbis.

It has long been no secret that under the present system—in which rabbis are placed for the most trifling reasons, ranging from relationship to some member of the congregation to the length of his nose—many able members of the Reform rabbinate have become demor-

alized and the movement as a whole has suffered.

Whether the present plan is adopted as is, or is changed in some particulars is not too important, though there is no need to stress the wisdom of Rabbi Gittelsohn's conviction that the plan will be valueless without sanctions against violations.

The Conservative plan for placement has been working admirably for years. The proposed Reform program will work smoothly and effectively when it receives general support in the movement.

It is vital to that goal that an understanding develop that the present chaos cannot be overcome unless both the rabbis and the congregations are willing to yield some of their unlimited independence. This is the basis of all government and all cooperation of any kind. Complete freedom of action is never possible where more than one party is involved.

Mr. Browdy and Mr. May

MORTIMER May of Nashville, Tenn., a vice president of the Zionist Organization of America, has been catapulted into the spotlight in national Zionist circles as a candidate for the presidency of the ZOA.

The POST is not ready to back either Mr. May or Benjamin Browdy, the incumbent whose political machine has already gathered large numbers of votes pledged to him at the forthcoming convention in Chicago.

Both men are followers of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, who endorsed Mr. Browdy's candidacy before Mr. May came into the presidential picture. Mr. May has the advantage of being clear of any entangling political alliances. Mr. Browdy in this respect is a marked man.

Neither Mr. May nor Mr. Browdy are force-

ful enough for The POST. In another year, either would make a good president. Their Zionism is of course beyond question and probably both would yield if there were candidates on the horizon they thought could better cope with the very difficult problems facing the ZOA in the coming years of transition.

But the argument being used by the Browdy forces that Mr. Browdy should be elected because the organization can not stand a political fight at this time is a cheap political maneuver. The organization will be that much stronger if there is an open election and the delegates have the opportunity to choose their own leaders instead of having the leaders hand-picked for them.

Current Comment

Judaism must be taught to American Jews as a way of joyous living, says Marvin Lowenthal in "Congress Weekly"—The spirit we should seek and aid to prevail is one of joy; joy in Jewish practice, and activities; joy in being a Jew. The beauty, the affirmative passions, and the cheerful piety explicit in the course of Jewish history must be reinvoked—the beauty of art, ritual and holiness; the thirst for righteousness and love of man; and the piety that smiles at death. It is superfluous to argue how traditional this joyous attitude has been; "make pleasant," says the morning prayer, "the words of Thy law." An anthology could be compiled—indeed, it should be—on the pleasures of Judaism, pleasures which like love in Plato's vision mount from plain physical delights to a jubilation in God and the universe. On the lower plane this sense of joy is likewise traditionally American; on the higher it can enable Jews to help elevate America.

Moreover, the moment is now favorable for

the propagation of a joyful spirit. The need for an appeal to tears and the feeling of horror and pity is vanishing—one might say unhappily vanished. The past two decades, it is true, cannot be undone. We have been shaken, one can trust, from the torpor of complacency, from a reliance for our cultural future upon any powers but our own. We shall keep an imperishable sense of debt to the victims—resolved that while the debt is fresh it be repaid in the richer life we bequeath our children. But the tragedy of Europe must be buried with its victims; we must cease to linger upon it...

More is involved in this plea for pleasure than the homely fact that flies are caught with honey and not vinegar, or the rarer knowledge that joy is the highest reward of culture. Aside from an appeal to gladness I know of no indisputable motive, as our modern world goes, for cultivating Jewish traditions and values.

THE EDITORS CHAIR

I HAVE A personal letter from Rabbi Walter H. Plaut of Fargo, N. D. which I'm certain he did not mean for publication in The POST. However, since it shows so clearly what can be done for reviving Judaism—even in the hinterlands—I am going to reprint most of it here for you to read:

"Hadassah, Judah Hillel and I are planning to leave Fargo in a few weeks and sail for Israel August 3. I have been accepted as a research student at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem where I expect to spend one or two years working toward my Ph.D. degree.

We spent three years here. When we came here, I was the first liberal rabbi ever to come to North Dakota. There was a handful of men who were interested in a strong modern Jewish program, but it was a handful only. After three years our membership rose to about 85 families and we should reach the 100 mark shortly. We have organized a religious school that now has an enrollment of 67 and a Sisterhood which has become the most active group in town. Despite the very severe weather (you know it gets to be 20 below at times) our attendance has never been below 40, more frequently it is 50, 60 or even more. That's the average.

Despite what I have written, we labored under handicaps. All during this time, our religious school met in a public school building. More important yet, at the end of the first year our Center was destroyed by fire and we have been forced to meet the last two years in a hall over a downtown department store. However, the happy conclusion is that

ground has been broken for the new and what we hope to be beautiful \$125,000 Temple, which ought to be completed by fall.

Another remarkable fact about the congregation is that it is largely made up of young married people who are by far the most active group within the Temple community. Moreover, I have been the only ordained rabbi in North Dakota for some time, the last two years to be exact, and that has made the whole thing even more fascinating; for I did get around a bit and visited some of the Jews in the isolated communities, though if I were to remain here I would do much more of that.

We have been affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations from the start, but our services have not been of the classical Reform variety. Since most of our people came from an Orthodox or Conservative background, it was only natural that we would add more Hebrew and ceremonies to the service, but what is more important, we created a truly singing and participating congregation. Also in this respect it was possible to observe festivals on a community basis, with home participation such as Chanukah home decorating contests, Sederim in most homes, etc., on a very high percentage basis. Another thing which is somewhat "different" (and this is probably true because we are a new congregation) our board members are among the most faithful service attendants.

I have written at such great length not because I believe the account is worthy of publication but because it somehow boasts your oft-expressed conviction that we must not be too quick to write the death warrant of American Jewry."

Cantors Take Slap At Hiring Practices

National Jewish Post
NEW YORK—An effort to halt "trial hearings" by synagogues hiring cantors will be considered at a national convention of the Jewish Cantors and Ministers scheduled to open here June 20.

Cantor Louis Lipitz, honorary president and chairman of the four-day convention, said that American synagogues were showing "increased irresponsibility" in selecting cantors.

He said that the convention will seek means of persuading synagogues to hire qualified cantors "instead of people who sometimes know little or no Hebrew."

He said the practice of having dozens of cantors, some of dubious ability, come to a synagogue for "rehearsals" was an insult to the calling and a form of inquisition.

Germans Won't Control Jewish DP's—Kingsley

NEW YORK (WNS)—The fate of Jewish DP's will not be entrusted to the hands of the West German Government when the International Refugee Organization dissolves, J. Donald Kingsley, director-general of the IRO declared here this week.

German control would be "much too explosive" Kingsley stated, adding however some Jews would probably be placed under Austrian administration when the transfers begin in Germany and Austria on July 1st, prior to the dissolution of the IRO next March.

The 2,500 Kurdish Jews who fled from pogroms in northwest Iran were found wearing herb bags to ward off illness.

Kosher-Type Meals Promised On New Liner

NEW YORK—"Kosher type" meals were promised this week by the American Export Lines on its new transatlantic liner, the S. S. Independence, which was launched early this month.

Special provisions will be made for Jewish passengers aboard the Independence and its sister ship, the S.S. Constitution, to be launched in September.

The auditorium of both ships will provide a setting for Jewish religious services, in addition to provisions of "kosher-type" meals.

There is no ship in transatlantic service now which provides reliable Kashrut facilities for observant Jewish travellers.

Nearly all of the 45,000 Yemenite Jews who walked to Aden to be flown to Israel were suffering from malnutrition.

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New York

INVESTMENT FOR ISRAEL
MUST START WITH THE PEOPLE

By M. Z. FRANK

GABRIEL COHEN'S suggestion that Bernard Baruch and Herbert Lehman should head the economic department of the Zionist Organization of America looks excellent. So does the idea that the ZOA should undertake to introduce Hebrew as the second language of the Jews of America. So does the idea of Bert Goldstein, president of Pioneer Women, that a million American Jews should migrate to Israel.

There is nothing new in all these ideas.

In late 1921, the late Louis D. Brandeis planned to have an economic council of three, including Bernard Baruch. Chaim Weizmann forestalled him and got Alfred Mond (Lord Melchett). Also the cooperation of Lord Reading was secured. Melchett, Reading and other famous industrialists made important contributions to the upbuilding of Palestine, but the really great contribution was made by the people. Just the people. It is an old story. When Herzl first conceived the idea of a Jewish State, he had in mind a company of a few Jewish multi-millionaires who would finance it. He tried Baron de Hirsch, he tried Baron Rothschild—but finally he came to the Jewish people. And that is where he succeeded.

Herbert Lehman is already active in the Palestine Economic Corporation after many years of activity. The PEC, though a very solid concern, has a capital of only seven or eight million dollars. The AMPAL, which started much later, has at least one and a half times that capital. (AMPAL is run by the people of Histadrut). The tasks facing the ZOA in the economic field now is to make investments popular. Albert Schiff's job, as far as the PEC is concerned, is to expand it, make it a popular investment company. Let 25,000 members of the ZOA invest \$100 each in the PEC within the next year, and another 25,000 members invest an equal amount, and the Baruchs and the Lehmans will follow. The whole history of the Zionist movement shows that the people blaze the trail for the great names to follow, and not the other way around. This applies especially to Jews with great names who are not too closely identified with the Jewish people. Yet despite the lessons of history, the myth of great names persists. Even a good Jewish democrat like Gabe Cohen falls for it.

Anyway, the difference between Albert Schiff and Bernard Baruch is that Schiff is within reach and Baruch is not.

THE SAME principle applies to the other propositions I mention in the first paragraph.

The plan to make Hebrew the second language of American Jewry was not invented by the late Daniel Frisch. There has been a special organization in America devoted to that purpose for nearly 35 years, known as Histadruth Ivrit of America. David Ben-Gurion and other Israeli leaders have been making demands on American Zionists to Hebraize American Jewry. But that is a goal that is not within the reach of the ZOA or any other Zionist body in America. Not in the foreseeable future, anyway.

So it is better for the ZOA to undertake a cultural program which has a chance of being carried out within the next few years and include in that program as much of Hebrew as is practicable. But—let me repeat it again and again—the ZOA, in order not to reach out for the stars in a vain gesture—should limit its cultural and educational projects to those most clearly tied to Israel and Zionism. There is plenty of work in that limited task to keep a good staff busy.

ISRAEL HAS A great deal to gain from the settlement of a million American Jews. Take any million American Jews—any million, even with Sidney Wallach, the consultant to the American Council for Judaism, in it—put them into Israel and they will make a wonderful contribution. What is more, they will become first-class Israeli. (Maybe even Sidney Wallach!)

But what is the use of talking? A million Jews from America for Israel is no more within our reach than Baruch Zukerman's pipe-dream about kibbutzim in America. A hundred thousand American Jews for Israel within the next ten years—including chutzpah, middle class settlers, private farmers, businessmen, technicians—is a goal within reach. And that will take a lot of sweat and brain-

Brandeis Says Sabbath Chosen For Convocation
To Emphasize Solemnity of Occasion; Rabbis Present

BOSTON—Brandeis University, the nation's first Jewish-sponsored, non-sectarian university, last week formally denied a charge that it had violated the Sabbath in holding its second convocation on Saturday, May 26.

The charge was made by Rabbi Simon L. Eckstein of Congregation Tifereth Israel in Winthrop, Mass., in a letter to the Jewish Advocate of Boston. The reply was made in a letter to the same paper the following week.

Clarence Q. Berger, director of public affairs at Brandeis, said that the university had held its convocation on the Jewish Sabbath to emphasize the solemnity of the occasion and that the convocation was in no sense "a business session."

Berger said it was regrettable that Rabbi Eckstein did not "accord the University authorities the courtesy of conferring with them" before "rushing into print."

"He would at least, have determined the reasoning underlying this decision and would have avoided finding himself in the position of ascribing reasons wholly without foundation," Berger said.

Berger was referring to Rabbi Eckstein's charge that Brandeis had arranged the convocation on a Saturday in order to meet the time

schedule of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, who was chief speaker for the occasion.

Berger said it was customary for Christian-sponsored colleges and universities to hold their baccalaureate exercises and frequently their commencement exercises on Sundays.

"It is felt by these colleges that the religious nature of the day enhances the solemnity and significance of the ceremony," Berger said.

He disclosed that when Brandeis held its convention last year on Sunday, "there were many critical reactions. It was noted that it was inappropriate for a Jewish-sponsored institution to celebrate the occasion on a Christian day of worship. The University authorities agreed with this latter viewpoint."

Berger said that Brandeis, as a Jewish-sponsored university, "believes it to be fitting and appropriate that it hold its convention exercises, which take the form of a baccalaureate exercise, on the Sabbath."

"It was an occasion characterized by prayer, liturgical music and two of the most distinguished rabbis of the area participated in the function," Berger said. "To refer to the convocation exercises as a 'business session' has no basis. It was a solemn event of prayerful thanksgiving."

Jewish Center Workers Back
Red-Controlled Office Union

ATLANTIC CITY—The National Association of Jewish Center Workers (NAJCW) voted last week at its annual convention to support the Communist-dominated United Office and Professional Workers Union in its fight with national and local Jewish organizations.

The delegates adopted a resolution criticizing the action of the board of the Jewish Community Centers of Cleveland in refusing to enter contractual relations with the UOPWA, with which a majority of the Cleveland centers staff is affiliated.

FIRST WITH SUPPORT

The NAJCW was the first Jewish organization to give its backing to the union, which was recently ousted from the CIO on grounds of Communist control.

The CIO immediately set up an organizing committee to win away workers from the ousted union and its major affiliate, the Social Service Employees Union (SSEU).

The SSEU has been fighting the

national offices of many Jewish organizations, including the United Jewish Appeal and its constituent agencies, Hadassah, and others.

IN NEW YORK MOSTLY

Except for Los Angeles, the fight had been confined largely to New York, until the Cleveland development.

The Cleveland development came to light when the Jewish Community Centers chapter 242 of the UOPWA took a large ad in the Cleveland OBSERVER, local Anglo-Jewish weekly, to urge Cleveland Jews to "Help Avert a Strike."

Declaring that the board, after

seven years of amicable relations, was refusing to sign a contract, the union statement said that "for the first time in the history of Jewish social service in Cleveland, employees may be forced to go out on strike."

WANT SOLUTION

The center workers convention expressed "keen concern" for finding a sound solution to the Cleveland problem and urged members to support the Cleveland center workers.

Sanford Solender, retiring president, reported a rising demand for professionally trained workers in the Jewish community center field in the U.S., with such centers already employing nearly 1,000 such workers.

Emanuel Berlatsky of Forest Hills, N. Y., director of the Bureau of Personnel and Training of the National Jewish Welfare Board, was elected to succeed Solender.

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Young Israel Meet
To Be Held June 23

NEW YORK—The 38th annual convention of Young Israel, orthodox-oriented American Jewish youth group, will be held in Fallsburg, N. Y. June 23 to 26. The group claims nearly 50,000 members.

More than 600 delegates, representing 70 Young Israel branches in the United States and Canada, will discuss the erection of a series of Young Israel houses in Israel, as well as plans to strengthen traditional Jewish observance in the United States.

Foes Of JWV 'Conservatism' Plan New Jewish Vet Group

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Dissatisfaction with the allegedly conservative policies of the Jewish War Veterans of America may lead to the formation of another organization of Jewish war veterans, it was learned here this week.

The degree of opposition to JWV policies was not known exactly, but some Jewish chaplains were reported behind the move either to swing the JWV behind a more liberal program or to start a new veterans group.

The fact that only 11,000 of this city's 200,000 Jewish veterans belong to the JWV is being used to bolster the claim that the JWV deference to the American Legion and its alleged following of the Legion in policy matters has robbed the JWV of its appeal for many Jewish veterans, The POST was informed.

The critics of the JWV believe that the group might well use the American Veterans Committee and its liberal stand on public issues as a model, according to POST informants.

The POST also was told that top officials of the JWV have been giving consideration to the complaints but there was no information on what the officials can or will do to meet the objections.

The claim is being made that many local JWV posts are quite liberal in their outlook on current issues but that such viewpoints are lost when the national leadership acts on those issues, The POST was told.

UJA Meet Told Immigration Cut; Mrs. Golda Myerson Denies It

National Jewish Post

CHICAGO—Delegates to the national report conference of the United Jewish Appeal here heard a debate this week over whether immigration to Israel was being curtailed for lack of funds from U. S. Jews.

Figures showing conclusively that immigration had been cut by Israel authorities were offered

at the conclave but Mrs. Golda Myerson, Israeli Minister of Labor, said flatly that "you have heard that immigration into Israel will have to be curtailed. I don't believe it."

Earlier Joseph Schwartz, of the Joint Distribution Committee, told the convention that the JDC is "now bringing out 2,500 Jews monthly from Romania, but with increased shipping I believe we could bring out 5,000 monthly and maybe 7,000."

He said that could be done if the funds were on hand and said at another point, "Jews who want to go to Israel, but whose situation is such that they can stay for a while in the countries where they are, are not being moved."

STOP IN OCTOBER

He also warned that "emigration of Jews to Israel may have to come to a full stop by about October."

The clashing views were interpreted here as stemming from Israeli revulsion at accepting the possibility that insufficient funds had forced a curtailment of immigration, in violation of a fund-

amental goal of Zionism and of Israel.

Mrs. Myerson asked the UJA leaders whether "you want us to see the day of illegal immigration of Jews into Israel."

NOW AFRAID

She said that for the first time the Israeli leadership is afraid. In the riots of 1929 and 1936-1937, and even in the days of the Arab invasion, there was faith in the ability of the Israeli to pull through, she said.

"Now we are no longer masters of our destiny," she said. "It isn't true that we are entirely independent. Now we no longer ask his Majesty's Government for visas—we ask his Majesty, the Jewish people, the Jews of the United States," she said.

Buffalo Names Week For City Aid To UJA

BUFFALO—(WNS)—In an effort to stimulate contributions to the United Jewish Appeal by Christian members of the community, the mayor of this city has designated a special week for collecting funds from the non-Jews here.

Major Joseph Mruk officially proclaimed the unique plan the "Christian Week for the Rescue of Jewish Survivors."

Radio Roundup

The Post will present here weekly a summary of nationally-broadcast radio programs of interested Jewish listeners. No responsibility is assumed by The Post for last minute change by radio networks.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18—Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn, noted Reform leader, speaking on "Who is a Liberal?" third in a series of sermons on the "Message of Israel" program, 10 a.m. ESST, ABC.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18—The story of "Cardozo," famous U. S. jurist, by Joseph Mindel, on the "Eternal Light" program, 12:30 p. m. EDST, NBC.

Trial Set For Tombstone Vandals

National Jewish Post

MELROSE, Mass.—A gang of more than a score of boys, among whom are four older youths, who were the leaders, will come for trial on June 21, in the Malden District Court as the vandals who smashed some 69 headstones in the Congregation Hadrat Israel cemetery located in this town.

Alvin C. Tamkin, counsel for the congregation and cemetery corporation, will represent the cemetery at the trial. In the meantime, a special joint statement has been issued by Rabbi Herbert I. Simckes, spiritual leader of the congregation; Isadore Miller, secretary of the cemetery corporation, and Mr. Tamkin, in which commendations are expressed for State Detective Charles S. Fried, Detective Edward Kelley and District Attorney George E. Thompson of Middlesex County.

Tribute was also paid to Attorney General Francis Kelley for his work on the case.

The destruction took place last month and was followed by a thorough investigation by local and state officials who were spurred on by the Community Council of Metropolitan Boston.

Red Anti-Zion Drive Flops In Vienna

VIENNA—(WNS)—Admission that the Anti-Zionist campaign now being conducted by the Jewish Democratic Committee of Rumania is a failure, is contained in an article in the latest issue of "Unirea," the Committee organ.

The article says that Jewish workers refuse to leave their present homes for the opportunity to "become builders of socialism" in other parts of the country. The small attendance at the Jewish Democratic Committee conferences is also a subject of complaint.

A Government loan of \$2,340,000 has been granted to the Jerusalem municipality for development and public works projects.

Rabbinical Assembly May Duck Decision On Ritual Change

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—There is a strong possibility that the Golden Jubilee convention of the Rabbinical Assembly this month may wind up without taking any action on the bitterly-disputed issue in the Conservative movement on changes in Jewish ritual, it was learned this week.

The four-day convention will open Sunday at the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Conservative school which is the stronghold of those rabbis who are opposed to specific changes in Jewish ritual now, though committed in principle to change.

DEADLOCK POSSIBLE

The POST learned reliably that despite the pressure of a powerful element in the Conservative rabbinate which has decided the time is long overdue for immediate sanction of certain changes, a deadlock may develop which will prevent any specific action.

The celebration, which will include an address by Walter Reuther, president of the CIO United Auto Workers, will mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Rabbinical Assembly.

The announcement of the call to convention said that the Conservative rabbis would act on "important reports by the Committee of Jewish Law and Standards, the Zionist Revaluation Committee and the Social Actions Committee."

ARGUMENTS BITTER

The Law Committee, headed by Rabi Morris Adler of Detroit's

Shaarey Zedek Congregation, has been wrestling for the past year with proposals for ritual changes. A majority of the members of the committee were reported to favor approval of riding on the Sabbath when such riding is in line with Jewish duties and use of electricity on the Sabbath for the same purposes.

Members of the Assembly, who include two past presidents of the Zionist Organization of America—Solomon Goldman and Israel Goldstein of New York—will spend the Sabbath of June 17 at the Seminary, their alma mater.

Sunday will be devoted to a process through the Seminary campus, commencement exercises and awards of honorary degrees.

WORK ON MONDAY

Reports, business sessions and addresses on religious and public problems will start Monday. Rabbis Goldstein and Goldman will be among the convention speakers.

The convention will close with Dr. Goldman's address at the convention banquet Wednesday June 21. Rabbi David Aronson of Minneapolis is president of the Conservative rabbinical organization.

Rabbinical Council Denounces Ritual Violations By U.S. Jewry

National Jewish Post

CHICAGO—Rabbi Israel Tabak of Baltimore, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, this week bitterly assailed U. S. Jewish organizations which consistently violate "and flaunt Jewish tradition and Law while purporting to serve the Jewish community."

"If Jewish life on this continent is not to be reduced to insignificance within a few generations, we shall have to find ways of ending such Jewish lawlessness, at least in public life," Rabbi Tabak told the annual convention of the American-trained Orthodox rabbis.

"What excuse is there for national Jewish bodies supported by public funds to violate the laws of Sabbath observance?" he demanded. "How long will Jewish organizations continue the sham of holding convention sessions on the Sabbath and under the guise of Oneg Shabbat, commit the

crudest violations of the Sabbath? Why should Jewish agencies, maintained by the Jewish community, keep their offices open on the Sabbath, even if it be done on a limited or unofficial basis?"

Rabbi Tabak also lambasted the "gross violation" of dietary laws in institutions such as Jewish hospitals where kosher food is "at best tolerated in a little corner," with no trace of kashrut in the main kitchen.

"Why should dietary laws, which are as basic to Judaism as the Ten Commandments, be wantonly disregarded at public functions and fund-raising dinners?" The convention was expected to take specific action to launch a fight against the violations described by the Rabbinical Council head.



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JERUSALEM—Every child in Israel between the ages of five and 13 will receive free schooling next term under the compulsory education law, Minister of Education Zalman Shazar reported in Israel's Parliament this week. Since the education law was passed eight months ago, 1,000 new teachers had been enrolled, including 400 immigrants. New school buildings with a total of 450 classrooms are being made ready for the new term.

Flowers shipped experimentally from Israel to Switzerland arrived in excellent condition and there is a demand for more flowers.

The Sports Whirl

LET'S NOT GET ALL STEAMED UP ABOUT THE ISRAEL MACCABIAH

By HAROLD U. RIBALOW.

THE Israeli version of the Olympics, the Third World-Maccabiah, seems to be catching on. So far, 27 nations will participate in the games—and the press in the various countries where Jewish communities are numerous, is making a lot of noise about it all.

Col. Harry Henshel and Charles Ornstein, co-chairmen of the national committee for American participation, threw a luncheon for sports reporters and told the eager boys that about 60 American Jewish athletes will go to Israel for the games, which will be held in Tel Aviv from Sept. 27 to Oct. 9. Dan Ferris, Pinky Sober, Asa Bushnell and other amateur bigwigs are members of the selection committee. Among the top American stars who will take part in the goings-on will be Henry Wittenberg, Olympic wrestling champ; Henry Laskau, a walking star (yeah, that's a sport, too) and Ira Kaplan, NYU sprinter, who is something of an in-and-outer. Russia will not take part in the games, it is said, because there are no Jewish athletic groups in the USSR. So the cold war, even on this front, grows cooler.

Frankly, we cannot get overexcited about the entire Maccabiah, from the American point of view. Many of the games at which Americans excel (like boxing, basketball, etc.) are strange to other countries, which is why at the real Olympics the U.S. overwhelmed the other nations. On the other hand, games like hockey, soccer and a handful of others, are not for the American temperament, and so the U.S. does badly in international events. In spite of what people say, sports does not always engender good-will, although we feel sure that the Maccabiah will not get down to the fistcuffs and the ugly bickerings of the last Olympics. It will probably be a nice meet, in a fine land, with lots of Jewish athletes getting together. But let's not play it up as though it were the greatest sporting event of the decade.

WHILE on the subject of international sports, we would like to discuss a few more items. First, the showing of the Israel tennis team in the Davis Cup competition. To put it bluntly, the Israeli shoulda stood in bed. In their match against Poland, Israel was whipped in the opening singles and in the doubles. They dropped three matches, winning only one set in all. Arie Weiss was licked in straight sets, and Jacob Burtnan, in losing to Stanislaw Piatek, managed to salvage the first set.

In the doubles Weiss and Finkelkraut were beaten by Wladyslaw Skonecki and Stanislaw Piatek in straight sets. Apart from the irony that a state called Israel was represented in an international tournament by Jewish players who faced Poles (one-time No. 1 Jew-baiters and haters), the Israeli gathered little glory from their attempt to step into the tennis big-time. Apparently the fact that tennis, for years, has been a social and snob-appeal sport is still a factor to consider when one tries to go places in the game.

THE OTHER international item is the action of the International Olympic Committee, meeting in Copenhagen, in shelving action on the application of Germany to take part in the 1952 Olympics. The Dutch representative said that if Germany were to participate in the international games, the Netherlands would not. He said he believed that Norway, Denmark and Belgium would go along with him. So no action was taken on the German application, although press reporters interpreted the action as meaning the German hopes for entry had been considerably dimmed. It is interesting that at a time when the world in general seems to be playing up to Germany, in this particular field feeling remains strong against the Germans. It also proves, as we said a space back, that international events do not necessarily bespeak harmony and good sportsmanship. Yes sir, the sports world can be a tough world.

WE have a few notes now, with which we hope to bring certain stories up to date. . . There was a lot of happy talk around the country, especially among Jewish defense groups, when the American Bowling Congress, finally dropped its color ban. But, as the N.Y. JOURNAL-AMERICAN (surprise! surprise!) pointed out, the Womens International Bowling Congress still has

Israel To Broadcast Protestant Services

JERUSALEM—A monthly religious broadcast under the auspices of five Protestant Christian Communities in Israel was inaugurated June 11 over the Kol Israel radio station.

Representatives of the five communities participated in the opening broadcast. The 45-minute service will be in English, but will include scripture readings and prayers in Hebrew and Arabic.

Subsequent broadcasts will be arranged by each of the five communities in turn. The second program will be broadcast on July 2.



RIBALOW

New Reform Temple Lists 240 Families

NEWTON, Mass.—Rabbi Irving A. Mandel, who has been serving as assistant rabbi at Temple Israel, Boston, for the past two years, has accepted the call to become spiritual leader of the newly organized Temple Shalom here. Rabbi Mandel came to Boston at the invitation of the late Rabbi Joshua Loth Liebman.

The new local Reform congregation, which was formed only a month ago, has been hailed by Reform leaders as the "Temple of the Year" and already has a membership of 240 families and 225 children in its religious school. The congregation is the fourth Reform group in the Boston area and is located in one of the rapidly growing Jewish communities of New England. The only other congregation in Newton is Temple Emanuel of which Rabbi Albert Gordon recently became spiritual head.

Rabbi Mandel was graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1947 and was ordained at the Hebrew Union College. He did post-graduate study at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem where his studies were interrupted by the Arab-Israeli war.

ITS Graduates Marc Tanenbaum

NEW YORK—(NJP)—Marc H. Tanenbaum, chief of the N. Y. Bureau of the National Jewish Post, will be awarded a Master of Hebrew Literature degree by the Jewish Theological Seminary at commencement exercises Sunday.

Annual Meet Opens of B'nai Zion

ATLANTIC CITY—The 41st annual convention of B'nai Zion, fraternal affiliate of the Zionist Organization of America, opened here this weekend.

Elections will be held Monday.

Zunser Chosen Head Social Welfare Group

ATLANTIC CITY—Charles Zunser of New York was elected president of the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare to succeed George W. Rabinoff of New York, at the group's annual convention last week.

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MAYOR O'DWYER ANSWERS APPEAL FROM IRISHMAN ON HEBREW STUDY

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

WHEN you've got a "landsman" in high office, you naturally turn to him for help. That is how Thomas Berke, an Irishman in County Donegal, Ireland, felt. What did Berke want? He wanted to learn Hebrew. So he wrote a letter clear to New York's Mayor William O'Dwyer for advice on how to learn the language as quickly as possible.

No Hebraist, the mayor forwarded the letter to the Zionist Organization of America, where it reached the desk of Carl Alpert, educational director. Off to Thomas Berke went a copy of the ZOA Hebrew primer and a note from Alpert: "Remember, all beginnings are difficult. Don't be discouraged. Please write us soon—in Hebrew." (The JOURNAL).

What Made Elath Proudest In Five Years in D. C.

In a special farewell interview, Eliahu Elath, Israeli ambassador, told S. Israeli, of the laborite FORWARD, that one of the things that made him proudest during his five years in Washington was the fact that union leaders Phil Murry and William Green made their first joint visit to the White House in a case where they were intervening on behalf of Israel.

As he left for London, Elath also expressed his thanks to the Jewish Labor Committee for its aid to the Israeli housing program.

Ever Hear About This Refuge for America?

The "richest hill in the world" may some day become the safest place in America. Out of the earth below Butte (Indian for "hill") two and a half billion dollars worth of copper, gold and zinc have been mined.

The tunneled labyrinths beneath the city, an area of some 7,000 square miles, could safely shelter the entire population of New York, writes L. Davidson in the FORWARD. In the event of an atomic bomb-threat, Butte would be a "beaut of a hideout," it is being said. The town itself is a healthful place to live, with lots of fresh air up on the hilltop.

There is even a Jewish angle to the Butte story. The first mayor of the town was Henry Jacobs, elected in 1879. Another Jew, Henry Lupin, was mayor from 1885 to

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1889. The present Jewish population, which has been dwindling, is 300.

Seward's Folly Had Some Jewish Backers

History books credit Secretary of State William Seward with the idea of purchasing Alaska from Russia. But who persuaded Seward to commit the "folly?"

According to newspaper accounts appearing in California in connection with Alaska's pending admission to the Union as the 49th state, the Alaska Commercial Company was the firm which strengthened relations between the U.S. and Alaska, and urged the U.S. to buy the territory.

And, H. Lang tells us in the FORWARD, that outfit was entirely Jewish. Its directors, John Rosenfeld, Leon Blum, Daniel Roth and the Libes brothers, Herman and Isaac, were not only good business men but good Jews: the communal and synagogue leaders of the West Coast. A Libes kin, Edward S. Solomon, was President Grant's choice for first governor of the Territory of Washington.

And Jews still play a role in building the bridge between Alaska and the U. S. Among the most influential advocates of speedy statehood for Alaska is a San Francisco engineer, Ben Roth, a great grandson of Daniel. Perhaps the history books of tomorrow will include this chapter of Jewish contributions to America.

Canadian Jew Busy Aiding Yiddish Writing

Just when Yiddish literature seemed left without a publishing house, and with but a few publishers (most Yiddish writers have to underwrite their works out of their own pockets), along came M. Grafstein, of Montreal. A former writer himself, prosperous Mr. Grafstein regards the publication of Yiddish books as an art of love as well as business. In a review of Grafstein's latest production, four plays by David Pinsky, Joel Entin, of the KEMPFER, calls Grafstein an "Elijah, an emissary of God."

The cornerstone for a 400 unit housing plan for immigrants to Israel was laid last month in Tiberias.

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Council Attacks Labeled Part of Present-Day Hysteria

BALTIMORE, Md.—The anti-Zionism of the American Council for Judaism was labeled last week "another aspect of the hysteria which is paralyzing American thinking today."

The charge was fired by Rabbi Israel M. Goldman of Beth Tfiloh Congregation, in response to a speech by Dean Virginia C. Gildersleeve, to the Baltimore chapter of the Council.

Dean Gildersleeve, who has been consistently provided with a platform by various Council chapters, made a speech which duplicated much of an attack on U. S. Jewish supporters of Israel she made three weeks ago at a meeting of the New York chapter of the Council.

She charged again that Zionists aimed to segregate U.S. Jews from the rest of the population and said that while "other groups in America" had sought to

influence U.S. foreign policy in favor of their former homelands, they had never done so "quite so flagrantly, in so separatist a spirit, as the Zionists wish a Jewish bloc to act."

She said Zionists sought to persuade U.S. Jews to withdraw from participation in the common culture and sever ties with American culture in the fields of music, literature and thought.

She said Zionist "propaganda efforts" had served to "intensify the acute self-consciousness among American Jews, to establish in them an inner strain and tension which must, one would think, be harmful for them psychologically and must tend to split their lives and personalities."

In line with a policy which has been sharply criticized by the National Community Relations Advisory Council, the Baltimore chapter provided the Baltimore SUN with a full account of Dean Gildersleeve's

remarks. The NCRAC represents all the Jewish civil defense agencies in the United States.

Rabbi Goldman made his charge against the Council's anti-Zionism in accepting the presidency of the Baltimore Zionist district.

"I am not talking theory," he said. "I am describing actual fact. As evidence of it, I cite the meeting of a frightened, self-negating group of Jews who, this very evening, are meeting in Baltimore in order to have the pro-Arab and anti-Israel propagandist, Dean Virginia Gildersleeve, calm their fears and give them the reassurance that if they will only have nothing to do with the State of Israel, no one will ever question their 100-per cent Americanism."

Commenting on the educator's charges, Rabbi Goldman said "We reject every statement emanating from these quarters which parades its own patriotism and impugns the patriotism of other Jews."

ZOA Region Endorses Mortimer May

Fight On Presidency Mounting; Browdy Starts Campaign Drive

(See Editorial This Issue)

National Jewish Post
NEW YORK—The six-weeks-old campaign to place Benjamin Browdy in the presidency of the Zionist Organization for a full term received a sharp setback this week when the Westchester Zionist Region convention unanimously endorsed Mortimer May of Nashville, Tenn., for the post.

Rumblings against the drive for Browdy, who was elected last March by the ZOA Administrative Council to fill out the interim term of the late Daniel Frisch, developed early this month. The Brooklyn Zionist region, largest in the national network of ZOA regions, first tabled a resolution endorsing Browdy for the full term.

Last week the Brooklyn region approved the resolution but 40 negative votes were cast against it. Nine of the 40 negative votes were cast by the Flatbush district 32, center of opposition to Browdy's candidacy.

A few days later, the Flatbush district followed through by adopting a resolution endorsing May, who is at present a ZOA vice president and chairman of the ZOA's powerful executive committee.

The rising opposition to Browdy stirred a flurry of activity in both the ZOA president and in his advisers.

BROWDY TALKS

Browdy made a major speech Saturday at the seventh annual conference of the big Manhattan region, calling for a strong autonomous World Zionist Organization, enjoying a "privileged status" in Israel, completely free from "interference or dictation" in its own operating areas and from "any intervention from outside, even Israel."

The ZOA national office on Monday sent out a statement that "four more large regions unanimously endorsed Browdy's candidacy. The endorsements came from annual conferences of the Long Island, New Jersey, Connecticut and Manhattan regions.

Previously, the New England regional conference and the Bronx annual regional conference had endorsed the ZOA president.

ELECTION DATE

All the activity was pointed at a session of the ZOA 53rd convention in Chicago on Sunday, July 2, when the election will be held, according to an announcement this week.

The action of the Westchester region convention, meeting at Lake Mahopac, came as a surprise, particularly since the outgoing chairman, Joseph Greenleaf of New York, is a staunch supporter of Rabbi Silver.

Greenleaf was one of the 100

signers to the call last month urging Browdy to stand for the presidency. (NJP, May 19).

Greenleaf, now one of May's strongest backers, explained his name on the "call" by saying that he had indicated he would support any candidate acceptable to Rabbi Silver, and found himself signed up for Browdy.

SUPPORT SILVER

A second resolution, tied to the one endorsing May, was approved immediately by the Westchester convention. The second statement asked for the recall of Rabbi Silver to leadership in the World Zionist Organization.

The juxtaposition of the two resolutions was deliberate. Greenleaf told The POST that he did not want anyone to get the idea he was opposing Dr. Silver in the presidential struggle.

The chairman of the resolutions committee was Charles Ress, former president of the Palestine Foundation Fund. Irving Libman, named to succeed Greenleaf as Westchester region president, introduced the resolution endorsing May.

SWING TO MAY

Greenleaf also told The POST that many of the original backers of Browdy have greeted May's candidacy with enthusiasm. He said they had supported Browdy previously only on the assumption there would be no other candidate.

The Westchester Region has 5,000 members, but is the smallest of the five New York city regions.

Rumors that Rudolph G. Sonneborn, chairman of the ZOA Administrative Council, might be a candidate were squashed by Sonneborn himself this week. He said he definitely was not a candidate.

May has informed J. Bernard Rosenfeld, Flatbush district president, that while his hat "is not in the ring in the accepted sense," he would accept the presidency if he was drafted for it by a majority of the delegates to the Chicago convention.

Wheat Council Gives Israel Larger Share

LONDON—The International Wheat Council has allocated an additional 20,000 tons of wheat to Israel at a meeting here.

The wheat was provided as an emergency measure to deal with problems created by the incoming refugees, and pushed Israel's total for the year to 160,000 tons.

Second Israel Visit Set on Sanhedrin

National Jewish Post
CHICAGO — Rabbi Aaron Greenbaum of Yonkers will head a second delegation of U.S. Orthodox rabbis to Israel to meet with Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog on implementing a decision to re-establish the Sanhedrin.

The Rabbinical Council of America opened negotiations more than a year ago on proposals to revive the ancient court of Jewish Law.

Also on the delegation will be Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein of New York and others to be named later.

The delegation will represent the Rabbinical Council, representing the younger Orthodox rabbis. The Union of Orthodox Rabbis, the older rabbinical group in the U.S. is opposed to revival of the Sanhedrin.

Fight on Upton Close In N.Y. Local Job

JERUSALEM, N. Y.—Officials of Temple Hesed Abraham here explained this week that the effort to get a program of hate-peddler Upton Close removed from a local station is being handled entirely as a local affair.

First reports on the bid to remove the program from station WJOC had indicated that the New York State region of the Anti-Defamation League had assisted in preparing the campaign.

Simon Goldman, secretary of the Temple, said that the campaign had been handled by Rabbi Sidney L. Goldstein without outside aid.

Goldman also disclosed that the job was unfinished because while the sponsor had been persuaded to drop his support of the program, WJOC was still carrying the program on a sustaining basis.

Students Delay Strike At Hebrew University

JERUSALEM—A general strike of students at the Hebrew University over tuition fees was called off last week by a vote of 73 to 314 at a mass meeting.

The students decided to continue parleys with university authorities in the dispute.

Green, Murray Speakers At U.S. Histadrut Meet

NEW YORK—President William Green of the American Federation of Labor and President Philip Murray of the CIO will be among the chief speakers at the second national conference of the American Trade Union Council for Histadrut starting Friday in Washington.

The meeting will end Sunday, June 18.

Conservative Judaism Violently Assailed By Orthodox Rabbis

(Earlier Story Inside)

National Jewish Post
CHICAGO—A ferocious attack on Conservative Judaism, which had the earmarks of a declaration of war, emerged this week from the annual convention here of the Rabbinical Council of America, representing the young American-trained Orthodox rabbinate.

The charges bristled with such adjectives as inconsistency, insincerity, utter Godlessness and that Conservative Judaism was a "sinister influence."

Those represented only a few of the direct accusations contained in the opening address of Rabbi Israel Tabak of Baltimore, retiring president, at the opening session Monday night.

PERILS SEEN

The following evening, more than 100 rabbis heard even stronger charges. Rabbi David B. Hollander of the Bronx, rebuked Orthodox rabbis "who fail to comprehend the ominous peril . . . of Conservative Judaism . . . to the very existence of our people as guardians . . . of the religion of Israel."

Rabbi Hollander criticized Orthodox Jews for attending Conservative services and urged strongly that Orthodox rabbis stay out of organization of rabbis with "mixed groups," a reference to Conservative and Reform rabbis.

Indirectly, Rabbi Hollander called Conservative rabbis "intellectually dishonest" and said his opposition was not to Conservative Jews but to Conservative rabbis.

TIME HAS COME

Rabbi Morris Max, former executive vice president, speaking on the same program with Rabbi Hollander, told of the "danger that threatens not only your positions but our congregations also, in fact of our very ideology." He said "the time has come to assert ourselves."

"The least we can do is to grapple with the problem, to bring it out in the open at least among ourselves and attempt to find ways and means of meeting this threat," Rabbi Max said.

The Orthodox barbs were directed mainly at what the Orthodox spokesmen regard as the Conservative "defection" from Hala-chah, Jewish Law. The Orthodox rabbis contend that the Conservative movement has been dishonest in holding that it is the same as Orthodoxy with only a few minor and modern innovations.

DEMAND PROGRAM

It was on such grounds that the speakers at the convention demanded that once and for all Conservative Judaism declare itself and present a program and a philosophy.

Rabbi Tabak charged the Conservative group with sending

salesmen and field directors to officers of "our own congregations" to win them over to Conservatism. He told of rabbis being confronted "out of a clear sky" with petitions for changes in seating arrangements and changes in affiliation.

He urged that the term "Jewish lawlessness" be used as widely as possible to describe U.S. Jews who violate Jewish Law. He said "Americans understand the word lawlessness."

A FIGHT TACTIC

At another point, Rabbi Tabak assailed the Conservative for the "utter Godlessness of their theology" and urged a public challenge of Conservative Jewish philosophy, declaring that Orthodoxy would gain by that process. He said that Orthodox rabbis who protest against the acts of Conservative rabbis are "subject to reprisals and indignities."

Rabbi Hollander spoke of the "truly devastating damage brought about . . . by Conservative Judaism." He attacked the arguments of Conservative leaders that they seek to preserve the fundamentals of Judaism and prevent the trend toward "Reform and then assimilation."

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